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CONSERVATORY RAGTIME BAND (RAGTIME)

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1. IN SERIES OF TELCONS APR 19 AND 20 GOSK INFORMED EMB
THAT DUE TO NEW REGULATION, GOSK MUST NOW PROVIDE PROGRAMS
FOR ALL PERFORMANCES IN USSR TO STATE COPYRIGHT AGENCY
(VAAP).

2. GOSK AT FIRST UNWILLING TO COMPROMISE ON ITS DEMAND FOR
FIXED ORDER OF SELECTIONS FOR PROGRAMS, BUT FINALLY AGREED
THAT IF THREE PROGRAMS WERE SUPPLIED IMMEDIATELY, THE
THIRD A COMPOSITE OF FIRST TWO, SCHULLER COULD CHOOSE THE
ORDER AT PERFORMANCE TIME. TO AVOID FUTURE HASSLES,
SUGGEST SCHULLER ESTABLISH SELECTION ORDER AS CLOSE AS
POSSIBLE TO WHAT HE INTENDS TO USE. EMBOFF REMINDED GOSK
THAT NORTH TEXAS STATE U. JAZZ BAND AND N. Y. JAZZ
REPERTORY CONTRACTS ALLOWED CONDUCTOR COMPLETE FLEXIBILITY
WITHIN REPERTOIRE, BUT GOSK'S YELISEYEV AND KOKONNIN
(DEPDIR PROGRAMS) EXPLAINED THAT NEW REGULATION WITH VAAP
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DOES NOT ALLOW THAT ANYMORE. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. GOSK IS SOMEWHAT NERVOUS ABOUT GROUP SINCE THEY HAVE NOT
SEEN THEM IN CONCERT OR HEARD COMPLETE REPERTOIRE. GOSK
AGAIN RAISED QUESTION OF AUDIO TAPE OF RAGTIME PLAYING
COMPLETE REPERTOIRE. YELISEYEV ALSO ASKED IF BAND WILL
APPEAR IN SAME DRESS AS IN PHOTO EMB SUPPLIED GOSK.

4. GOSK FURTHER INFORMED EMB THAT AIRCRAFT SEATS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR BASS AND CELLO ONLY. TUBA, GUITAR AND BANJO WILL BE LOADED IN BACK OF CABIN. NOTE: REF B PARA 4 DID NOT SUPPLY TUBA DIMENSIONS AND LISTED 2 BANJOS. PLEASE CLARIFY.

5. DISPUTE ASSURANCES THAT JUNE 24 DEPARTURE WAS ACCEPTABLE. GOSK APR 20 SAID IT CANNOT ARRANGE RAGTIME RETURN JUNE 24.
. GOSK WILL HAVE TO CANCEL LAST CONCERT ON JUNE 23 SO PAG
. CAN RETURN THAT DAY IN ORDER TO MEET US COMMITMENT JUNE 25.
. PLEASE ADVISE.

6. NEED BY IMMEDIATE CABLE DIMENSIONS AND ESTIMATED WEIGHT ALL AIR CARGO RAGTIME WILL BRING. IF NOT TOO LARGE TO FIT IN SMALL AIRCRAFT, GOSK CAN EXCHANGE CONCERTS IN ROSTOV TO ODESSA WHICH IS PREFERABLE TO EMB. IF THIS POSSIBLE NEW ITINERARY WOULD BE MOSCOW-DONETSK-ODESSA-TBILISI-TASHKENT-NOVOSIBIRSK-MOSCOW. TOON

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